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Letter dated 27 November 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter dated 26 November 1994, addressed to you, from the President of the Republic of Turkey, His Excellency Mr. Süleyman Demirel, concerning the situation around the Bihać region in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
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As you are well aware, the situation around the Bihać region in Bosnia and Herzegovina is further deteriorating. We are seriously concerned, as the lives of more than 200,000 people remain under the direct threat of attacks and acts of aggression by the Serbs.

The recent attacks against Bihać are being carried out from the areas of Croatia under the control of the rebel Serbs. Such acts of aggression violate not only the international borders of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, but also the status of Bihać as a United Nations safe area. Therefore, immediate and effective action must be taken by the international community before it is too late.

In the messages I have recently received from H.E. Alija Izetbegović and H.E. Franjo Tudjman, both presidents have expressed their grave concern over the current situation and called for urgent and efficient action by the Security Council and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to prevent further escalation and bloodshed. I feel that if Bihać cannot be saved, there would arise a real danger of escalation of the war and its getting out of control.

In view of the sensitive location of the Bihać region, I believe that the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) and NATO should take immediate action to fully implement all the relevant Security Council resolutions. In this respect, your support would be crucial.

Süleyman DEMIREL
President of the Republic of Turkey